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## 1. Project Description

### A. Statement of GO Activity

This grant application proposes to help fund additional conservation and maintenance of existing developed facilities and 90 miles of routes and trails, the purchase of signs, and the labor associated to continue to support and sustain OHV opportunities within the Fort Sage Special Recreation Management Area (28,494 acres).

The BLM Eagle Lake field office will utilize permanent BLM staff, a seasonal employee and volunteer labor to perform the following ground operation (GO) activities within the Fort Sage OHV SRMA:

Regular and improved facility servicing will occur at the existing Fort Sage and Widowmaker trailheads:

Restroom Cleaning

Re-paint picnic tables, bulletin boards, signs, etc.

Clean fire rings

Trash collection

Purchase supplies such as gloves, trash bags, toilet paper, paint

Vault pumping toilet service

Purchase kiosk signs and educational signs

Post and update bulletin board/kiosk signs and information (safety & regulatory information)

Additional GO activities within the project area are as follows:

Grade the existing access roads and ramps leading into the trailheads

Grade Trail 2 between Indian Spring existing cattle guard and the Trail 2-2 intersection

Replace and purchase barriers (such as hay bales) and "Designated Limited Use" signs to discourage off-route travel

Install signs on designated routes (regulatory/directional)

Remove portion of fence and install cattle guard to protect a cultural site

Perform tread work on existing roads and trails with the use of hand tool labor, and heavy equipment

Perform annual trail and soil monitoring to meet and determine additional maintenance needs and to implement the submitted 2009 BLM Soil Conservation Plan and standards as specified in the 4970.06.03 Regulations

Volunteers will assist in reporting violations of OHV regulations

### B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

This Ground Operations project protects resources and enhances existing OHV opportunity. The project will ensure the maintenance and conservation of existing trails and facilities as well as trail and soil monitoring implementation as mentioned above in the project description in order to keep the Fort Sage OHV SRMA at its best working condition.

#### Trail Maintenance

The priority of this project is trail maintenance and route signing on those routes identified through the trail and soil monitoring process as depicted in the Fort Sage Ground Operations project maps. Trail maintenance work will be completed within the 90 miles of designated routes in the Fort Sage OHV SRMA on segments of trails where whoops create major safety and ease of passage issues and route proliferation. The vast majority of the tread problems are whoops resulting from the lack of cohesion in the sandy soils; however, some trail segments suffer minor sediment movement issues. These whoops mainly present an ease of passage issue, however, in some spots, especially in those areas lacking significant vegetation, there is route proliferation. These current unsafe and undesirable conditions are forcing off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts to move off the trails and cause resource damage and cultural concerns. Route proliferation, soil loss, cultural issues and a potential threat to wildlife habitat will occur if the trails are not properly maintained. During

regular Tribal Consultation meetings, Tribe members have expressed the need for OHV enthusiasts to stay on the designated routes and trails.

The BLM staff, equipment operators and the Lassen Motorcycle Club (LMC) volunteers will perform the trail maintenance work using a SWECO and/or other similar equipment. Continued maintenance of these segments will protect our natural resources and minimize illegal OHV use on prohibited lands.

The Maintenance worker, Seasonal Maintenance Worker and Outdoor Recreation Planner will place barriers, new signs and replace existing signs on designated existing routes and on the illegal routes in order to help eliminate trespass.

#### Soil/Trail Monitoring

In addition, the Eagle Lake Field Office staff will strive to keep Fort Sage OHV SRMA a safe and desirable place for OHV enthusiasts and all other user groups through continued trail monitoring and the implementation of the 2008 Soil Conservation Standards and Guidelines as appropriate. The outdoor recreation planner and other BLM staff will perform monitoring of the existing Fort Sage trails using the state Parks OHMVR 2008 Soil Guidelines.

#### Facility Maintenance Projects

The Eagle Lake field office has strived to keep the existing Fort Sage facilities at the trail heads in good working condition. The proposed grant project will protect public health and safety and improve facility maintenance. Regular maintenance of toilets, including vault pumping will reduce the potential for human waste on the ground. Regular trash pickup will cut down on litter and create a safe environment for all species. Painting of existing equipment such as kiosks and picnic tables will conserve existing facilities and reduce future costs. Other projects include removing a portion of fence to install a cattle guard near Indian Spring to protect cultural resources and areas of cultural significance during casual use and OHV events. In addition, BLM equipment operators will grade the existing access roads and clean the existing culvert on Trail 2 to ensure OHV users can safely drive their vehicles into the developed recreation site. Without regular maintenance of the roads, visitors will be forced to ride their non-street licensed OHV's on the county roads into the trail heads. In addition, access into the existing trail heads and recreation area would be reduced.

This Ground Operations project will ultimately help eliminate illegal riding, trespass issues, off-route travel, soil loss, and help avoid increased road maintenance and facility problems in the future. Conducting trail maintenance will ensure the long-term use of roads, trails, and OHV recreation opportunity for future users within the Fort Sage OHV SRMA. This project will avoid resource damage and future high maintenance costs. After the completion of the project OHV enthusiasts will be encouraged to stay on the maintained designated routes and trails. With this additional funding to support ground operations, the BLM can provide an excellent level of service and ensure a safe and enjoyable OHV recreational experience.

### **C. Size of the Project**

The Fort Sage project area encompasses 28,494 acres in which there are currently 90 miles of designated limited to existing OHV routes.

### **D. Location and description of OHV opportunities**

The project area is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eagle Lake Field Office, is located 45 miles east of Susanville, CA and 45 miles west of Reno, NV. The Fort Sage OHV SRMA provides a unique recreational and visual experience for the entire family and caters to motorcycle races and similar events. Visitors to the project area generally travel from Susanville and the surrounding Lassen, Sacramento, Plumas, and Washoe Counties, and the Reno, Nevada area to experience off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation opportunities.

The Fort Sage SMRA has been broken into Recreation Management Zones (RMZ's) as described in the Eagle Lake Field Office 2007 Resource Management Plan (RMP). Each RMZ is managed for OHV opportunities.

Fort Sage Road and Trail System (on public lands) RMZ: The trail system is within the project area, the primary activity is OHV recreation including four-wheel drive [4WD] vehicles, motorcycles, and ATVs. Additional activities include OHV use for back-country sightseeing and hunting.

Fort Sage Trailhead RMZ: This trailhead is within the project area and is utilized by recreationists for multiple activities such as camping, picnicking, recreational driving (4WD, motorcycles and ATVs). The staging area is also used for horseback riding and mountain bike staging and related special events. The Fort Sage trailhead is accessed on an improved dirt road approximately 1.6 miles from Fort Sage County Road and has four single unit campsites, one large group site, a vault toilet, trash collection, a bulletin board, loading ramps, and a warm-up loop.

Widowmaker Trailhead RMZ: This is a staging area for casual use and motorcycle events. The Widowmaker Trailhead has one large graveled parking/staging area and provides camping opportunities for self-contained campers or motor homes. The site also has a bulletin board, loading ramp, and warm-up loop. The Widowmaker trailhead receives high visitation during the Lassen Motorcycle Club (LMC) events and is accessed on an improved dirt road approximately .07 miles from County Road 327.

Fort Sage Mountains RMZ: The Fort Sage Mountains are part of the project area within the Fort Sage OHV SRMA described in this grant application however GO activities will not be preformed within this RMZ. This area is generally accessed through OHV use on the Fort Sage Road and Trail System RMZ for non-motorized uses such as hiking, sight-seeing, birding, horseback riding, and hunting.

## 2. Rerouting Requirements

### Rerouting

(a) Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site plans are required (See 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)

If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting

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1. **Project Timeline (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**
2. **Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**

3 **Project-Specific Maps**

Attachments:

[Fort Sage\\_ CA Location Map](#)

[Fort Sage Maintenance Map](#)

[Fort Sage Operations Map](#)

4. **Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

Attachments:

[Fort Sage OHV SRMA Photos](#)

[Maintenance Photos](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
 Agency: BLM - Eagle Lake Field Office  
 Application: Ground Operations

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	BLM - Eagle Lake Field Office		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Ground Operations	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>This grant application proposes to help fund additional conservation and maintenance of existing developed facilities and 90 miles of routes and trails, the purchase of signs, and the labor associated to continue to support and sustain OHV opportunities within the Fort Sage Special Recreation Management Area (28,494 acres).</p> <p>The BLM Eagle Lake field office will utilize permanent BLM staff, a seasonal employee and volunteer labor to perform the following ground operation (GO) activities within the Fort Sage OHV SRMA:                  Regular and improved facility servicing will occur at the existing Fort Sage and Widowmaker trailheads:                  Restroom Cleaning                  Re-paint picnic tables, bulletin boards, signs, etc.                  Clean fire rings                  Trash collection                  Purchase supplies such as gloves, trash bags, toilet paper, paint                  Vault pumping toilet service                  Purchase kiosk signs and educational signs                  Post and update bulletin board/kiosk signs and information (safety &amp; regulatory information)</p> <p>Additional GO activities within the project area are as follows:                  Grade the existing access roads and ramps leading into the trailheads                  Grade Trail 2 between Indian Spring existing cattle guard and the Trail 2-2 intersection                  Replace and purchase barriers (such as hay bales) and "Designated Limited Use" signs to discourage off-route travel                  Install signs on designated routes (regulatory/directional)                  Remove portion of fence and install cattle guard to protect a cultural site                  Perform tread work on existing roads and trails with the use of hand tool labor, and heavy equipment                  Perform annual trail and soil monitoring to meet and determine additional maintenance needs and to implement the submitted 2009 BLM Soil Conservation Plan and standards as specified in the 4970.06.03 Regulations                  Volunteers will assist in reporting violations of OHV regulations</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	Maintenance Worker	300.000	28.000	HRS	4,630.00	3,770.00	8,400.00

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	Notes : Duties include: sign installation, soil monitoring assistance, bulletin board information posting, and maintenance management of seasonal worker						
	Seasonal Maintenance Worker Notes : Duties include: facility servicing such as restroom cleaning, painting, stocking, trash pickup and litter removal, sign installation and assistance with soil monitoring	80.000	24.000	HRS	1,920.00	0.00	1,920.00
	Heavy Equipment Operator Notes : Duties include: trail maintenance with hand held tools, SWECO and other equipment, trail/soil monitoring. The Equipment operator detailed from the Redding Field Office, SWECO owned by Redding Field Office	80.000	37.000	HRS	2,960.00	0.00	2,960.00
	Heavy Equipment Operator Notes : Force Account road grading, cattle guard installation, culvert cleaning	80.000	37.000	HRS	2,960.00	0.00	2,960.00
	Other-Outdoor Recreation Planner Notes : Duties include: yearly soil/trail monitoring, supervision of trail maintenance and volunteer work, oversee OHV program & provide labor, and other duties as needed	420.000	35.000	HRS	6,700.00	8,000.00	14,700.00
	Other-Volunteer Labor Notes : Trail Maintenance, monitoring and other area patrol will be preformed through a volunteer agreement/partnership with the Lassen Motorcycle Club (LMC) and other volunteers	48.000	18.000	HRS	0.00	864.00	864.00
	Other-Law Enforcement Officer	80.000	38.000		0.00	3,040.00	3,040.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				19,170.00	15,674.00	34,844.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Other-Vault Toilet Pumping	1.000	300.000	YR	300.00	0.00	300.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						

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	Other-Signs Notes : Purchase large Kiosk signs such as maps, regulations, and educational information signs to post at the Fort Sage and Widowmaker Trailheads	4.000	50.000	EA	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Other-Mics. Supplies Notes : Purchase and supply cleaning solvents, trash bags, toilet paper, safety equipment and paint for the Fort Sage Trailhead	1.000	300.000	YR	0.00	300.00	300.00
	Other-Physical Barriers Notes : Hay bales will be placed in illegal routes to discourage off route riding	6.000	25.000	EA	150.00	0.00	150.00
	Other-Signs Notes : "Limited to Designated" Use signs/Educational Signs	4.000	100.000	EA	400.00	0.00	400.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				750.00	300.00	1,050.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-Volunteer Vehicle Mileage	550.000	0.500	MI	0.00	275.00	275.00
	Other-Equipment Operator Vehicle Mileage Notes : Vehicle Mileage for equipment operator from the BLM Redding Field Office. Round trip from Redding to Susanville 225 miles. Estimated 110 miles roundtrip from Susanville to Fort Sage and Widowmaker trail heads. Estimated 5 trips for each 40 hours of work.	1830.000	0.500	MI	915.00	0.00	915.00
	Other-BLM Vehicle Mileage Notes : BLM staff vehicle Mileage including seasonal, maintenance and outdoor recreation planner. Estimated 110 miles round trip from the Eagle Lake Field Office to the Fort Sage and Widowmaker trail heads.	5000.000	0.500	MI	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Other-BLM Force Account Vehicle Mileage Notes : Force accout vehicle mileage, install cattle gaurd, clean	1100.000	0.500	MI	0.00	550.00	550.00

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	culvert, grade roads, 110 miles roundtrip from Field Office to Fort Sage						
	Other-SWECO Fuel (gallons)	40.000	3.000	MISC	120.00	0.00	120.00
	Other-ATV Fuel (gallons)	15.000	3.000	MISC	45.00	0.00	45.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>				1,080.00	3,325.00	4,405.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
	Other-2009 Per Diem M&IE Notes : BLM Redding Field Office equipment operator, detail from Redding, CA to Susanville, CA to conduct trail maintenance with Redding SWECO and other equipment, and assist the Outdoor Recreation Planner with trail/soil monitoring	10.000	39.000	DAY	390.00	0.00	390.00
<b>7</b>	<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
	Administrative Costs-Administrative Cost	1.000	2000.000		0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>				21,690.00	21,299.00	42,989.00
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				21,690.00	21,299.00	42,989.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>21,690.00</b>	<b>21,299.00</b>	<b>42,989.00</b>



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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	19,170.00	15,674.00	34,844.00	
2	Contracts	300.00	0.00	300.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	750.00	300.00	1,050.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	1,080.00	3,325.00	4,405.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	390.00	0.00	390.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		21,690.00	21,299.00	42,989.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		21,690.00	21,299.00	42,989.00	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

No wetlands or navigable waters exist within the project area. No negative impact to wetlands, navigable waters, and sensitive habitats and species would occur (Including threatened and/or endangered species). Regular trail maintenance, signing and trail monitoring will ensure no additional opportunity for sediment to transport into streams, springs and shallow pond locations. The placement of hay bales and signs will discourage users from riding off of the designated routes and trails. Sensitive species would benefit from the Project by decreasing the chance of habitat disturbance through the creation of illegal OHV routes.

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

The Eagle Lake Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) and approved 2008 Record of Decision (ROD) states in Goal 2.16.2 (page 2-90) Desired Future Condition: designates a network of travel routes to provide for motorized access for public recreation and BLM administration throughout the management area. The three designations are "Open", "Limited to Designated Use" and "closed". The designated route network would be based primarily on the ELFO route inventory. Routes would be maintained, modified, created, or obliterated in order to meet land health standards, water quality standards, wildlife habitat needs, and changing public needs and desires. The project is to be completed within an area managed for "Limited to Designated" OHV use. The project will help restore the some areas to their existing condition where illegal OHV use is occurring adjacent to a designated route through the use of hay bales, education and signing. This project will improve the designated OHV travel routes and trails, cultural resources, vegetative and wildlife habitat, and visual resources. The effects of trail maintenance with a SEWCO, ATV and drag, signing and placement of hay bales would not be cumulatively significant. Conducting annual trail maintenance, monitoring and user education throughout this and other similar projects will keep motorized access opportunities available and protect adjacent resources for public appreciation and use.

It is uncertain what projects would be identified as reasonably foreseeable future actions. Over the next ten years, similar future projects would keep the trails in good condition and minimize the potential for riders to move off of the designated routes and trails. Several positive future effects from multiple and small incremental project accomplishments will occur. These small overall improvements would have benefits to wildlife populations, soils, and cultural and historical resources. Vegetation would recover better in these areas where soil compaction and erosion could lessen. Dust emissions and sediment deposition in water may also decrease from regular trail maintenance.

Taking no action could cause negative cumulative impacts on the trail system such as additional off-route riding, damage to cultural resources and soil loss.

#### ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

The project will not have a significant effect on soil loss. Regular trail maintenance and monitoring will have a positive effect on soil loss and will help in minimize significant soil loss in areas where there are steep slopes and highly erodible soils. Regular trail monitoring and use of the soil management plan will ensure those trails with highly erodible soils are maintained and or temporally closed to prevent further soil loss.

Management actions will conform to the Eagle Lake Resource Management Plan which states "the BLM will monitor known problem areas where travel routes cross sensitive resources (e.g., erodible soils, cultural sites, or habitats of endangered or threatened species). A determination would be made as to whether impacts are threatening land health (p. 2-95)".

#### ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

The project will have a positive effect on scenic values. All projects would be implemented to conform to prescribed visual resource management (VRM) classes as discussed in the Eagle Lake Field Office Recreation Management Plan.

Trails not maintained lead to the creation of illegal routes which have a high visual contrast with the surrounding desert vegetation in the view shed. The project seeks to improve visual resources by bringing back natural vegetation patterns and minimizes the creation of off-trail routes adjacent to legal routes. Monitoring will provide feedback and lead to management of the VRM classes within the project area.

#### ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

#### ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

#### ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

The possibility that increased use in the project area is present. Regular monitoring and trail maintenance will directly effect management actions. No significant impacts off-site will occur. Positive impacts such as less illegal route creation and illegal riding will occur though the use barriers such as hay bales, signing, frequent user education and law enforcement presence.

#### CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Categorical Exclusion](#)  
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**1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)**

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)  
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)  
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

**2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.**

2. Failure to complete the Project would result in: 8

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 8 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)  
☒ Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)  
☐ Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)  
☒ Potential trespass (2 points)  
☒ Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

This ground operations project consists of trail maintenance and monitoring, soil loss monitoring, facility maintenance including vault toilet pumping, road grading, culvert cleaning, installation of a cattle guard to protect cultural areas and the placement of barriers and signs to discourage off route trail and trespass into private lands. Trail maintenance and monitoring will ensure all routes are kept open and available to the public for OHV use, and will keep current users from moving off of the trails. Regular facility maintenance such as repairing, painting and culvert cleaning will prolong the life of the facilities and keep replacement costs low. Grading the specified routes leading within recreation area will ensure users can easily access the facilities and OHV area. The ground operations project will protect a known cultural site.

**3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.**

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by 13

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)  
☒ Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)  
☒ Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)  
☒ Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)  
☒ Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Trail maintenance will be performed using hand held tools, a SWECO and other trail maintenance equipment to ensure multiple OHV use, which provide for ATVs, motorcycles, 4 x 4 vehicular recreation and Rhinos. The project includes educational signing though the posting of kiosk information signs, directional carsonite signs placed at the trail intersections, the utilization of "limited to designated" route signs and education through field contacts. The trail maintenance will include using mechanized and non mechanized equipment to remove whoops, maintain multi use trails and difficulty levels and clean drainage structures. The entrance roads into the trailheads will be graded to allow easy access into the recreation area.

**4. Public Input - Q 4.**

4. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)  
☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)  
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The Bureau of Land Management Eagle Lake Field office meets with the Lassen Motorcycle Club (LMC) on a monthly basis and conducts frequent conference calls with individual LMC members. Grant applications were discussed during the last meeting held in January 2009. In addition, the BLM Archeologist and Outdoor Recreation Planner conduct Tribal Consultation meetings on a regular basis. The grant projects were discussed during the December 2008 and January 2009 meetings.

**5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.**

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 1

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☒ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

The Lassen Motorcycle Club, Nonprofit group

**6. Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.**

6. The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by 5

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 7 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use (1 point)  
☒ Protecting water quality (1 point)  
☐ Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)  
☒ Protecting special-status species (1 point)  
☐ Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)  
☒ Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)  
☒ Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)  
☐ Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Special Status species, cultural sites and areas of cultural significance will be protected through the use of route signs, educational signs and outreach during field contacts. The installation of the cattle guard will protect the Indian Spring area and other areas of cultural significance. Trail maintenance will keep users on designated trails. Trail and soil monitoring will ensure water quality is protected. The placement of physical barriers such as hay bales, natural materials and Law Enforcement presence will help to control OHV misuse.

**7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.**

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing 3

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)  
☒ Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point)  
☐ Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content (1 point)

- ☒ Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)  
☐ Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point)

**8. Sustainable Technologies - Q 8.**

8. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Low flow plumbing fixtures
- Water efficient landscaping

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

The Fort Sage trailhead and Widowmaker trailhead were originally designed to be water efficient, there is no water provided at the site and water is not used for landscaping. There is one vault toilet at the Fort Sage trail head which is water efficient and meets the low flow plumbing fixture criteria. This project will use water efficient techniques when cleaning the facilities at the Fort Sage trailhead. In addition, the Fort Sage OHV SRMA is available for renewable energy sources as described in the Eagle Lake Recreation Management Plan. The BLM has and will continue to purchase environmentally friendly materials such as low volatile paint when available.

**9. Motorized Access - Q 9.**

9. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following non-motorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☒ Birding

☒ Hiking

☒ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☒ Rock Climbing

☒ Other (Specify) [Hunting]